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**Close call!**

**Welland Transit buses must go very slow when they leave parking area E because of all the illegally parked cars that block the roadway.**

# Transit to make decision this week on killing service

## Cars still hamper buses

This week the Welland Transit Commission will decide whether to discontinue bus service on college property.

Joe Hrechanyk, Welland transit superintendent, said the commission is giving the illegal parkers a one-week probation period. Cars have been parking along the curb in front of the Merritt building, by the bus stop outside of parking lot E, for some time. These cars are blocking the driveway and creating a hazard to the buses which are trying to turn on icy roads.

"If worse comes to worse, we may have to stop service for a period of time until the problem is corrected," he said.

The Welland Transit Commission is concerned about safety. If the buses cannot manoeurve safely, then the drivers will not stop at the Niagara College and First Avenue bus stop. The bus drivers are the ones taking the risk and they do not like it, he said.

The situation is improving — he has seen only three cars parked along the curb on his random

Winter has brought on parking problems in the past in the same area. Mr. Hrechanyk said it is partially a result of the weather and reduced parking space due to snow build up.

The bus drivers will inform the students who take the bus this week whether they will be stopping in front of the Merritt building, he said.

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said if the situation remains out of hand these cars may have to be towed. No cars were towed last week.

He is still reluctant to have cars towed away, since it would cost students a lot of money. "We will continue to have tickets issued though. We don't want to, but it emphasizes that we don't want you parking there."

Mr. Spittle said the Board will look closely at a possible paid parking issue for next September.

The Niagara News has observed three cars parked along the curb Wednesday and 12 Thursday.

## *Seek $$ for sports awards*

The Student Administrative Council is funding six $330 athletic scholarships, but the athletic department is appealing to the alumni for money for more scholarships.

Peter Rylander, athletic coordinator, said the department is trying to raise money from other sources. "SAC is only one source."

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said the money cannot come from college funds so the department is appealing to the alumni.

"If graduates of the college do not support the college, who will?" she asked.

Miss Robarts said the scholarships will be used to recruit new students to the college.

### Representation on Board of Governors

# Students, faculty, administration approve

By LORI FLAXI
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and administration are all pleased with the decision that they be represented on the Board of Governors.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara president, is waiting for guidelines from the ministry to get the college started. "I'm very pleased it has finally happened," she said. "It will hopefully make for better communications within the college."

The decision was among changes "to update and strengthen governance mechanisms," in all colleges announced Jan. 14 by Gregory Sorbara, minister of colleges and universities.

Kathleen Harvey, Student Administrative Council president, said, "I'm really happy because it's a clear representation of the college community."

Joan Hastings, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union (OPSEU) for faculty, said she looks forward to more direct involvement with students and administration. "We have a voice with no vote, but we anticipate becoming full voting members."

Mrs. Hastings said the decision was an indirect result of the strike at the colleges two years ago. The issues concerned workload, the quality of education and cuts in government funding. As a result, the governance of the college system was examined in the Skolnik report which led to Walter Pitman's study of the system.

"It (representation on the Board of Governors) will certainly facilitate communication processes," Mrs. Hastings said.

Kathleen said it will be a big step for students to sit on an academic council. They can have "a lot of input" on teacher evaluations, course curriculum and college functions in general.

"It will increase the status of the student because they will have to be listened to," Kathleen said.

The changes included redefining the role of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the colleges; examination of the "effectiveness" of the present collective bargaining system; and set up a new council at each college to advise the presidents.

One representative each from students, faculty, support staff and administration is to sit on the boards of governors of the 22 colleges. They will have no voting privileges to begin with, "pending a resolution of potential conflict of interest questions and a review of their role over the next two years."

## Winter returns

**Winter returned with a vengeance last week, smothering the region under a blanket of white. In the early morning stillness, the city and its inhabitants recovered. The mighty trees' resilience reflected the nature of the people. As the evergreen's branches lifted, defying the snow, so too did people emerge from their hiding places. Everyone and everything seemed to sigh with relief. The storm, which covered the city, uncovered memories of another storm — one that buried the region 10 years ago.**

**Photo by Maureen Martin**

# SAC paper recycling begins on small scale

The Student Administrative Council has decided to recycle paper in the college, Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, said.

"We want to introduce this project on a small scale at first to see if SAC gets the support from students, faculty and administration," Carri said.

SAC would not make any money from this venture but would be benefiting society. Any money generated through Niagara Recycling goes into Arc Industries and the United Way.

Niagara Recycling will supply the paper bins and pick them up when filled. Carri said Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, supports her plans to go ahead with the project as long as volunteers are found to carry full bins down to the receiving entrance.

At the beginning, the bins would probably be placed in the SAC office, in the administration building and in the computer area.

The only drawback is getting the right kind of paper. A certain grade is needed and it must be white paper, Carri said. Students also have to refrain from putting garbage into the collecting bins.

Carri has been working on the idea of recycling Niagara College's waste paper since last August. She had originally planned to start an Amnesty International branch at the college and use the money generated from recycling paper to pay for supplies like paper, envelopes and stamps that would be needed to run the branch.

But due to lack of interest and enthusiasm towards the idea of recycling paper, the project has been delayed and there will not be an Amnesty International branch at the college.

"Only one person was interested," she said.

Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, thinks recycling paper is a good idea.

## OSAP fraud poor practice

School is not the only place where lessons are learned as Gary Epton found when he pleaded guilty to fraud and was barred from ever receiving aid from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

Mr. Epton was fined $1,150 and put on 14 months' probation after pleading guilty in Ottawa Provincial Court in November.

After officially withdrawing from his course of study at Algonquin College, Mr. Epton negotiated an OSAP grant cheque.

## *Dean's visit to China seeks data*

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, has been in China for three weeks to prepare a report on management training.

Mr. van der Slagt, who was due to return yesterday, first went to China in the summer of 1984 where he taught at the Chengdu management training centre.

This year's visit was arranged for Mr. van der Slagt and three other Canadians by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

They were to interview managers to see what can be done to improve management, and prepare a report on management training, inluding reports on teachers and methods of teaching.

# Hotel Club dinner sells out

More than 50 first, second and third-year students planned an unforgettable meal for a sell-out crowd of 200 at the Rainbow Hotel Club's annual winter dinner.

The Hotel Club's Winter Wonderland dinner was held Jan. 17 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Niagara Falls.

"The dinner was a huge success," Mark Madsen, dining room manager, said. About 80 per cent of the guests stayed for the dance and buffet following the dinner.

Long hours of planning and preparations paid off. Christine Trautmann, vice president of the Student Adminstrative Council, said, "The food preparation and service were excellent."

Plans for the meal began to take shape in October and food preparation began Jan. 15. The final bookkeeping has not been completed but it "doesn't look like we're going to lose money," Mark said.

The menu began with seafood cocktail, cream of chicken soup and a salad of mixed vegetables.

To tempt the palate, lime sorbet was served before the course. Ham wrapped in pastry with peach sauce, roasted potatoes, cauliflower with butter and green beans with almonds all filled the abyss of the hungriest stomach.

For the sweet tooth there was chocolate cheesecake for dessert.

Kent Rice, head co-ordinator of the feast, said the club decided to hold the dinner in January rather then December to give the students more time to prepare the dinner.

The Hotel Club's International Dinner is set to be held the third week in April. The committee will be selected this week.

THE NEED NEVER CHANGES St. John Ambulance

# Mechanics program helps find jobs, goals

By MARLENE NAGEL
Staff Writer

Twelve years of owning Niagara Street Auto Service, a mechanic repair shop, help Randy Carbone teach his students in his Automotive Service Training Program.

"It's an investment in Canada's future," Mr. Carbone said. "They (the students) walk away with theory skills, practical skills, and a good feeling about themselves."

The automotive service training program is the only program like it funded by the government under the Canadian Job Strategy program.

Mr. Carbone developed the program on his own with the Canadian government. He had a problem getting liability insurance for the program and met with Niagara College. The college took over and the class is now taught at the St. Catharines Campus by Mr. Carbone. As the class is held at the college, the students can use the facilities to enhance their training level.

The class is an introduction to basic automobile principles and work practices. Also taught are life skills/work skills, job search skills and an academic refresher.

Karen Robson is also a teacher for the program. Miss Robson teaches management and communications. She helps the students to improve themselves, their communication skills, their motivation, and their assertiveness.

She teaches them how to deal with people with control, how to handle complaints, people, and bosses. Included in her instruction is how to get a job, how to write resumes, and how to start a business.

When the students began the program last term their "heads were down, they were confused, had no goals, and not much confidence," Miss Robson said. By the end of the year there was "such a change it was unbelievable...they had direction. Three-quarters of them (graduates) got a job and if not they got direction."

RANDY CARBONE

The classroom instruction alternates with on-the-job training. This gives an employer "a chance to feel out the individual, whether he's worth hiring," Mr. Carbone said.

The course is open to both males and females and has shown very favorable results. Last term the first class began with 28 students enrolled; 20 of them completed the class and about 16 of them will have jobs.

"It is very hard at the present time to get into the mechanical business," Mr. Carbone said, "but programs like this are well received in the business community. Niagara College, Canada, myself, we can't do it all...the business community has to help us. It's a good thing for this community."

## Allowance

Students who take the program receive either unemployment insurance, if they are already on it, or are allotted a training allowance. "This entices them to take part in the program," Mr. Carbone said.

"I think training programs are excellent," Mr. Carbone said; "If you've prepared yourself you can get a job."

"It's amazing what you can do with an individual in a 40-week program," he said. "Every day is a challenge...it's very gratifying to see the faces of the individuals...that's worth a million dollars."

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## *Did YOU park legally today?...*

It's a tough squeeze for transit buses in the vicinity of parking lot E, but inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles indiscriminately cause headaches for others. Faculty are as much to blame as are students. One faculty member was even heard to say that the $5 ticket was an inexpensive daily parking fee. Her car frequently blocked college maintenance vehicles. The Welland Fire Department will examine the situation, too, to see if fire routes are clogged. Charges other than parking tickets could follow.

## *These drivers and more didn't!!*

CAROLE TIMM

# Fashion graduate acting co-ordinator

Carole Timm was named acting co-ordinator of fashion arts last week — the first time a Niagara College graduate has become co-ordinator of the program from which she graduated.

Mrs. Timm, who graduated in 1981, replaced Marie Lynch, who left the college on sick leave last fall.

"It's very good for us to have a graduate back. We're very happy," D.A. Davies, chairman of creative arts and human services, said.

A newspaper ad for a merchandising instructor brought Mrs. Timm back to Niagara College in September to teach in the program. When she saw the ad, she was working in retail management at Suzy Shier at Toronto's Eaton's Centre..

VERY SIMILAR

The transition from management to teaching was not difficult, Mrs. Timm said. "Management is really close to teaching. Managers are always teaching people things."

"Marie (Lynch) gave me all the support in the world," Mrs. Timm said. 'Marie really gave me the outline. I owe a lot to her."

After graduation, she started at a newspaper in Burlington in advertising. She switched to retail management with Suzy Shier. Mrs. Timm was transferred to the area around Edmonton and Red Deer, Alta., for "supervisory duties."

Her desire to return to Ontario prompted her transfer to the Eaton's Centre.

By the time she saw the ad for an instructor, she was "ready to move from junior retailing to contemporary."

Mrs. Timm said she brings to the college "a background in management, supervising, buying and store visual merchandising."

She said, "I'm constantly busy. I really like it."

# Monitor jobs available

Full-time students, who have completed a full year at a postsecondary school, can pick up applications for the part-time position as a language monitor and receive up to $3,200 for eight months of participation, from September 1987 to April 1988 in the program.

Candidates must have French as a mother tongue and be fluently bilingual. For further information, call French Language Services in Hennepin Hall.

**New V.P. of finance**

# SAC position goes to bookkeeper

Ginette Duke, 21, a third-year financial management student, is taking over the position of vice-president of finance.

Ginette was hired by last year's Student Administrative Council as a bookkeeper. She helped Kelly McCallum, former vice-president of finance, and is familiar with the position.

SAC decided at a student council meeting last Tuesday to give Ginette the position because there was no runner-up in the election. The SAC executive was elected by acclamation last spring. SAC's constitution does not outline a procedure to follow in such a situation when a position has to be filled due to a resignation.

Hugo Bessems, student liaison officer and international student adviser, said. "It's such a grey area in the (SAC's) constitution that it is feasible for her (Ginette) to take over for the rest of the term."

"SAC can be without a bookkeeper but they can't be without a vice-president of finance," he said.

# Computer programming student becomes SAC social convener

Colin Reid, 21, a computer programming student, was elected social convener Jan. 20 by an overwhelming majority.

The vote was 76 for Colin, 39 for Gerard Petsche and seven for Michael Thom.

Colin's plans are to have more on-campus pubs featuring well known bands and disc jockeys. He plans to have events such as beach night, a toga party and a talent night, as well as bus trips to concerts and to bars in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Lulu's in Kitchener.

Colin decided to run for social convener when he attended on-campus pubs at the beginning of the year which he considered unsuccessful. "It is a challenge" to make the pubs a success, he said.

COLIN REID

Colin has experience planning social events; he helped plan high school dances and he works at the school pubs.

He would like to thank his campaign manager Jeff Donald as well as friends Jennifer Burton, Kelly Doan, George Mechelse and Ginju Alfarero who helped him to win.

The byelection was held because Jamie Dufour, the former social convener, resigned.

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# Editorial

## Need tough stand

Niagara College is in the process of losing its bus pickup from the Welland Transit Commission because of illegally parked cars in lot E.

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, says he will start towing cars if the parking tickets continue to be ignored.

Mr. Spittle has given too many chances to those people who have continued to park illegally.

The college must be stricter. Ignoring the fact will not make all the illegally parked cars go away. What will make the problem go away is start towing the cars.

If nothing is done the college will lose a needed service.

The cost of getting the towed car back is high, ranging from $50 — $100 cash; this would be a great deterrent to illegal parking.

This cost is steep, but if you own a car, then you can pay the price for the tow.

The parking situation at the college must be reviewed. The illegal parkers are in the wrong, the situation has come to a head and something must be done now.

**Martin Pokol**

## Come off it, Oral

Television evangelism — those two words have always conjured up visions of slick talking, well dressed men and women marketing their own brand of salvation each Sunday to an audience of God-fearing Americans and Canadians.

The thought of these men and women offering places in heaven to the faithful who are willing to show their faith with cheques and money orders always bothered some people but who are they to debase a person's belief? People have a right to religious freedom.

The other day something happened that may cause people to rethink their views on this subject when evangelist Oral Roberts stretched the limits of good taste to the maximum. Mr. Roberts told his viewers that he will die if his ministry doesn't receive $4.5 million by March of this year. He said God told him last March he had one year to raise the money.

Television evangelists have been asking for money for years but the nature of this case raises new moral and ethical questions. Should television evangelists be made to adhere to certain ethics? Should they be banned altogether? Some stations refused to air Mr. Roberts' latest plea for funds.

Censorship is never a solution. Instead, it should be up to the television evangelists themselves to better understand their role and act accordingly in being fair in their solicitations for funds.

Demographic studies have shown that this type of program's audience is generally made up of the poor, less educated members of society who don't have the money to share but are being held to a form of emotional blackmail to give until it hurts.

Whether or not they are using money to feed the poor, build hospitals, spread God's word or to buy themselves new homes is not the point in this case. It is the way he is asking, clearly taking advantage of his power and influence.

**Douglas Ives**

## Winter's wrath ravages college

**Memories of the Blizzard of '77 were rekindled Jan. 19 as the worst storm of the winter blanketed the Niagara Region with snow. The college closed early that night cancelling all Coninuing Education classes.**

Photo by Martin Pokol

# Charles Lynch says media too cynical

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

He has covered every prime minister from William Lyon Mackenzie King to Brian Mulroney, and has seen how they have governed the country and attempted to manage an always-hostile press.

Charles Lynch, former chief of Southam News who has been called "the dean of Canadian journalists," spoke at Brock University last Tuesday. Not only did he speak. From time to time, he also sang or played the mouth organ.

Over more than half a century as a war correspondent, foreign correspondent, columnist, and commentator on international and political affairs, he has travelled the equivalent of four times around the earth.

It is "a fixed state of mind of the media that whoever is the government in power must be got," he said. It is still possible to read occasionally in the United States or British media a piece on what the government is trying to do, but never in Canada.

In Canada, the whole apparatus is dedicated to opposing the government, making it difficult for the government to get through to the public, and thus making the public less informed.

MUST BE NEGATIVE

"No prize is ever won for positive journalism," Mr. Lynch said. "It must be investigative, dirty and negative."

The favorite target of the press through the years has been cabinet scandals. For John Diefenbaker, it was problems with his cabinet ministers. Lester Pearson was always coping with a scandal. Pierre Trudeau pretended the scandals were happening to someone else; Joe Clark was vulnerable and portrayed as a wimp, while Brian Mulroney could not believe old relationships could not endure.

ONLY TRUDEAU

"Trudeau was the only one who could articulate his anger and contempt for the media and every time he blamed the media for his problems, his popularity went up five points."

During the 1984 federal election, Mr. Lynch said to God, "Please, God, just once let me cover a government other than a Liberal one." After the election, he said, "God, you went too far!"

Mr. Mulroney has said that, to satisfy people, he is going to have to make compromises. This has created through the media a sleazy, untrustworthy image. But Mr. Lynch stressed that he did not consider Mr. Mulroney to be either sleazy or dishonest.

"He may seem to lack conviction and courage, but someone has to do something about the deficit. We cannot go on running a $30 million deficit forever; total universality cannot be sustained."

Today, Charles Lynch is based in Ottawa writing political, international and social commentary and is a familiar figure on national radio and television. He is a member of the Order of Canada, has an honorary doctorate of laws from Mount Allison University and a place in the Canadian News Hall of Fame.

## Letter

# Staff parks illegally?

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "Parked cars a hazard, buses may not stop" which appeared in the Jan. 19 edition of the Niagara News.

I agree that parking habits at the college are "unsafe" but must object to Plant and Property Manager Jack Spittle's outburst that the "parking habits of students may drive the buses off campus."

I took this as an insult, being a full-time student myself. I must question Mr. Spittle's assumption that these four-wheeled obstructions are strictly the property of students.

There is no proof that these vehicles do not belong to faculty, staff or couriers, but I suspect they may.

I carpool with a handicapped student and access to the walkway does not come by easily. I sympathize with the Welland Transit drivers but feel the finger cannot be pointed solely at the students.

Kelly McCallum
Journalism-Print

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# Snake helps owner relax

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

Cozying up to a five-foot boa constrictor to unwind and gain a little piece of mind may seem a little unusual to some people, but St. Catharines resident Jerry Ashukian says, "It's more relaxing than listening to music."

The gentle slow movements of his baby boa have a particularly calming effect upon him, as do some of the other exotic animals he has acquired over the past year.

In a room he calls his favorite, tranquillity reigns supreme. Grasscloth material and animal skins cover the walls, and tropical greenery projects a jungle effect, creating the perfect atmosphere for his crocodile, six piranhas, assorted tropical fish and, of course, his snake Jake.

Jerry has had other exotic pets including a scorpion and two tarantulas. The scorpion caught cold and died and he found the tarantulas were "too delicate."

"They don't like to be handled," he said, adding that once one of them hissed at him. "I couldn't believe the sound that penetrated from him."

## *Friends*

Aside from his encounter with the spiders, his affection for his animals is quite obvious and with Jake there seemed to be a special, deeper friendship. Even after being awakened from a sound sleep, Jake responds warmly, winding his young five-foot body lazily around Jerry's arms.

"He's a good snake, more docile than the other breeds. As a rule boa constrictors are easier to handle, but then again it depends on how you treat them."

At a mere five feet, Jake has a way to go before reaching maturity. The average length of a boa constrictor is 10 to 12 feet with 15 being considered very large. "Ten feet is just fine for me," Jerry chuckled. "When he's 10 feet he'll weigh about 60 pounds tops."

## *Growing*

Jake has grown 3½ feet in the past six months, defying the fact that snakes are supposed to grow at a rate of one foot a year. "It depends on the snake," Jerry said. "There's nothing wrong with his appetite."

The baby boa dines on a menu of gerbils, hamsters and guinea pigs at a cost of about $80 a month. Often people react with disgust at Jake's food supply but Jerry explains, "It's a part of nature."

Jake gets all his vitamins from the bones, blood and organs of an animal but his diet must be supplemented with different ones, so that he doesn't develop a deficiency, Jerry said.

"It's just like you and me: we like peanut butter sandwiches and steaks but we couldn't eat it all the time."

While Jerry was explaining how boa constrictors strike even more quickly than rattlesnakes, Jake was relaxing, motionless, with the forepart of his body stretching straight into the air. "He's just sunning himself," he said.

When the dinner hour approached, Jake backed up Jerry's statement about his speed and struck at his prey with a swiftness that was almost quicker than the eye, winding his body around it, then becoming perfectly motionless.

"Usually when they strike, they grab the animal by the head," Jerry said, explaining that once Jake miscalculated and was bitten by a hamster. "Jake took a bite at me; he must have thought I was on the other guy's side." The hamster bite left two marks on Jake's head. "Rodents have pretty big teeth and can do a lot of damage."

Understanding that Jake uses his forked tongue to sense things made the constant flickering seem less threatening.

Whether Jake is a he or a she is yet to be determined. "It's very hard to tell; you need certain equipment to measure this or that," Jerry said.

## *Freedom*

Jake enjoys the freedom of winding his way through the tropical greenery, but Jerry is alawys carefully watching. They love to go into concealed areas, but he almost lost him once. "When he's a little bigger I'll give him a little more run of the house. People don't realize the strength of them. They can get into places you would never think of looking."

But Jake is not always confined to the house. His outdoor excursions are usually more frequent in the summer though, when he can be found wrapped around the rearview mirror in Jerry's jeep.

"He's like a kid when I take him out; he wants to go everywhere all at once," he said. "Sometimes people gape and scream and it does cause quite a commotion."

"He's very harmless though," he added, reassuringly. Some people don't mind petting him as long as he is holding Jake's head. "The head is the business end of the snake."

Snakes are also susceptible to the nuisances of fleas and ticks, although the problem is not as common as with domestic animals, like cats and dogs. With little faith in the effectiveness of flea collars, Jerry says, "The only way a flea collar will work is if a flea trips over it and breaks its neck."

Pampered and well cared for, Jake gets a thorough checkup everyday and a bath three times a week.

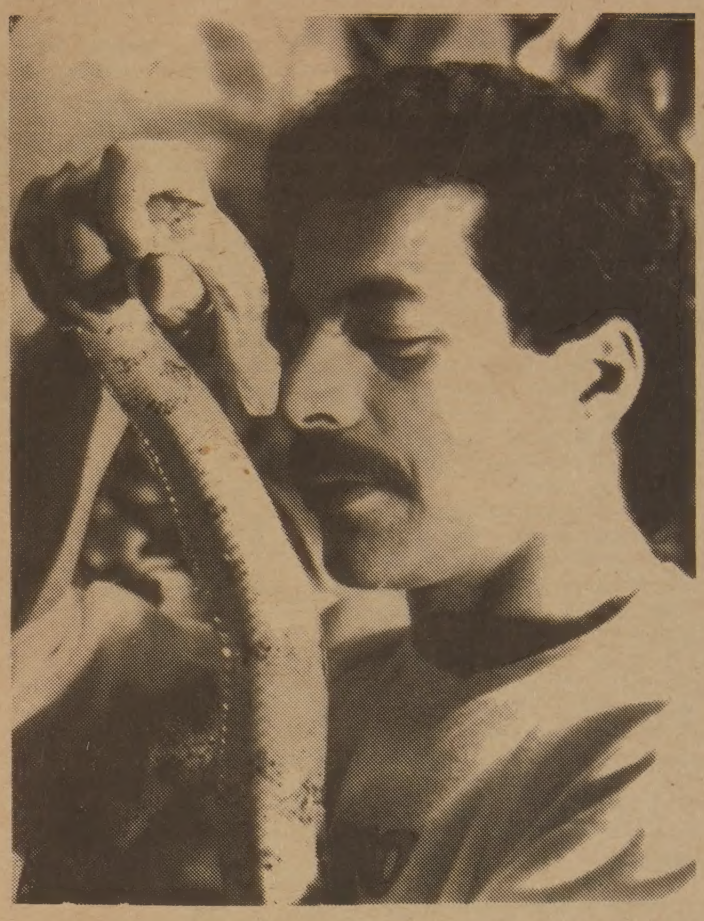
## *Home*

His glass house is simple, yet attractive. The 130-gallon tank is decorated with slate rocks, artificial plants and a large piece of driftwood he can wind around at his will. The bottom is covered with kitty litter and adds a natural finishing touch to his home, that is kept at a temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

The litter must be a brand that does not contain harmful ammonia; it could easily be absorbed through his skin, causing him to get sick, Jerry said.

The 32-year-old bachelor considers himself "somewhat of a loner" and spends a great deal of his extra time caring for his unusual pets. At other times he tends bar at Minsky's, reads, works out and hikes in the outdoors.

Comparing his animals with some human beings in this world, he said, "They don't lie to you and they don't deceive you."



JERRY ASHUKIAN AND JAKE THE SNAKE

# Stressful problems numerous

Stress-related problems are one of the top five reasons students visit the Health Centre, clinic doctor Gerry Alexander said.

Students are worried about their grades, financial situation and personal relationships. Sometimes this takes the form of a gastrointestinal injury — the beginning of a stress ulcer — he said.

After the illness is identified, counselling is sometimes needed until the problem is resolved. Students become discouraged because of the workload and want to drop out. Dr. Alexander convinces them not to and to try to find a program more realistic for their talents.

Dr. Alexander said if the stress is course-related and the student gives his permission, then he will discuss the student's problem with the co-ordinator.

### FEWER NOW

"The number of students who come to us with stress-related problems is less now than three or four years ago." They may be going somwhere else or programs may be more geared to finding and dealing with students having problems, he said. Or the students may be more mature and able to deal with their problems.

Students are under pressure to succeed; if they do not they are confused. They do not know what to do, summer is coming and they need a job, but what if they cannot make up their credits. The student worries and a high level of stress develops.

Stress can result in a student feeling run down and unable to cope with his schedule or workload. This combines with little sleep and an improper diet to make a student feel overwhelmed.

With the proper budgeting of time and a healthy diet, people are able to take a more relaxed outlook on life. College is a learning experience, one loaded with stress and discouragement, but one that most people can cope with with the help of program co-ordinators, counsellors and doctors at the Health Centre.

## Alison Brannen

# Print-maker, artist shows life's meaning

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

Alison Brannen is an artist who takes natural objects and makes them into abstract prints. Her work is showing in the Hennepin Art Gallery until Jan 31.

Ms. Brannen's art is a "statement of what is meaningful to our life as a society. A tree is not just a tree; it is a symbol, a kind of metaphor for who we are."

She is both an artist and a print-maker. She enjoys print-making because she can work in a co-operative environment with other artists instead of alone in her studio.

Print-making or lithography is a laborious form of art which takes a long time. Women have only been involved in lithography for the past 20 years.

Ms. Brannen said she enjoys lithography because ever since childhood she has lived near rocks and water. She was born in Shelburne, N.S., and she also studied on the west coast. She now lives in Toronto.

Ms. Brannen likes to tell people some of the tricks she uses in her print-making. For example, one print she made is actually composed of the same print duplicated and laminated together. Telling people her tricks "makes art seem more accessible."

Ms. Brannen studied at the Banff School of Fine Art and the University of New Mexico. She worked at the Art Gallery of Ontario both as a guide and as an artist demonstrator and now teaches art at the University of Toronto.

Ms. Brannen is hoping to expand her work to include images with poetry.

# *Scottish celebration*

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

Scottish people all over the world celebrated the birth of poet Robert Burns yesterday.

The celebration usually takes the form of a dinner-dance and is started with the piping in of the Haggis.The haggis is marched around the floor followed by a bagpiper.

There are a few variations in the activities amongst Burns Clubs but all are known to be generous with the whisky.

Bill Molloy, the past president of the Niagara Falls Canada Burns Club, said his club starts its dinner around 7 p.m. and the meal itself lasts about an hour and a half but the fun lasts long after the food is gone.

A poem by Robert Burns "The Address to the Haggis" is then read over the haggis. A few shots of whisky for the piper and the reader end the poem and the meal is ready to begin which of course is haggis, Mr. Molloy said.

### DELICIOUS, ENTICING

The haggis is a dish of minced heart, lungs and liver of a sheep mixed with suet, onions, oatmeal and seasonings. The whole mixture is cooked in the stomach of the sheep.

The main speaker then takes his place to give "The Immortal Memory" a 30-minute speech about some aspect of Robert Burns, his life, poetry or songs.

# Regents' visit to college beneficial

**The visit by the Council of Regents to Niagara College in December was beneficial as it gave the college visibility, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College President, said. "They found it useful to hear from various groups at the college and got to know about the college," Miss Robarts said. "We tried to indicate problems of the colleges system-wide, get the council to recognize that the financial situation of the colleges' must be dealt with, and discussed the funding mechanisms for the college."**

# Blizzard of '77: Snowstorm's 10th anniversary brings nightmares back to staff, students; community pulled together to aid hundreds of weekend captives at college

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

It happened so suddenly. The blizzard, a bitter, biting, shrieking blinding white demon, descended on the region. People unfortunate enough to have to go out in it had to contend with a windchill factor of minus 60 degrees.

Last Monday? No — this was the Blizzard of '77 which started 10 years ago Wednesday.

The 700 people who were stuck at the college during the weekend remember it as the time people banded together to battle the blizzard.

Community members donated food and shelter to the stranded. Those with snowmobiles, CB-equipped trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles were invaluable in getting supplies through, and rescuing the snowbound.

A.S. Manera, president of Niagara College in 1977, announced shortly before noon on Friday that the college would close because of the storm. Those who left early managed to get their cars out of the parking lots before the blizzard hit with full intensity, some only to be stranded when their cars got caught in snowdrifts along the routes out of Welland.

While the storm unleashed its fury, students and faculty sat huddled together to keep warm, playing cards. Those who could sleep at night assumed strained positions on classroom floors, on stretchers, in lecture theatres, lounges and in dental chairs in the clinic.

Those who could not sleep were up all night in the library reading or studying, or just wandering around the hallways.

"Everything was turned upside down," Dennis Malone chairman of communications, social sciences and general studies said. "Instead of the place closing at 5 p.m. it was open all night."

There was a strange sense of people being lost and not knowing what to do," he said. "I remember someone scrawled on one of the windows 'Mommy I want to go home.' "

Journalism students gathered and wrote stories about the storm, took photographs and even did some typesetting. Their work formed the basis of a special storm edition.

Stranded radio and television students broadcast over the college's closed circuit station, CRNC. They worked in shifts so music played all night. "It was fun," Ray Sapiano, 1978 graduate of the RTV program, said. "We turned it into a party."

Most people remember getting to meals was an ordeal. "You realized it was a real adventure to get from here (the Simcoe building) to the cafeteria," Mr. Malone said. "People bundled up in whatever they could and formed human chains to get over there," he said. "What was so frightening was that it was so cold and so windy. The wind blew the snow so strongly that wherever it hit your skin it was very painful."

More than 2,000 meals were served free of charge by Niagara Frontier caterers, former college caterers, and several staff and faculty who volunteered their help.

The college received food donations from surrounding neighbors, McDonalds, the Red Cross and many others.

Every effort was made by staff and faculty to see that students' immediate needs were met.

Mr. Manera, stumbled over to Simcoe in the Blizzard from Hennepin Hall, and made rounds to make sure everyone was all right and comfortable. He stayed on Sunday until he was sure everyone was accounted for and had a ride home.

Medical needs were seen to by Eleanor Snider, a Registered Nurse who teaches in allied health programs.

With the assistance of Janet Arnott, medical records co-ordinator, she made sure epileptics and diabetics got their medication on time.

Niagara Regional Police brought vital medication as well as other necessities on snowmobiles.

Mrs. Snider and Mrs. Arnott took blankets from stretchers and made do with first aid supplies used for teaching.

People were treated for minor cases of frostbite and carbon monoxide poisoning when they went out and tried to dig their cars out of the snow or start them. "There were some cuts but nobody was really hurt," Mrs. Snider said.

"It was the simple things that upset people."

The biggest problem was contact lenses. John Parrett, the registrar, sent over a supply of solution from Hennepin Hall, "but then we had no cases."

"By the end of the second day people were going crazy because they could not take a shower, wash their hair or brush their teeth."

In the early childhood education centre, 12 children stranded by the storm watch Sesame Street, and ate fish and chips sent over from the cafeteria, oblivious to the storm outside. Four staff members stayed behind to look after them.

"In a lot of ways it was more enjoyable for us in the ECE centre because the children were there," Allison Soave, now co-ordinator of the ECE program, said. "Our time was occupied looking after them. We weren't worried about what was happening outside because we didn't have time. It was a matter of meeting their needs and keeping them happy and comfortable and not frightened. And so our needs took second stage to that."

Mrs. Soave stayed beind to look after the children and missed spending her wedding anniversary with her husband.

"The children enjoyed it," Mrs. Soave said. "We didn't have any that were upset. They just seemed to take it as part of the routine."

Some of those who managed to leave the college parking lot were not so fortunate on the road.

Joan Hastings, local president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, and Terrence Mason in the psychology department, and two students spent three days at a stranger's house, after their cars got stuck in snowdrifts.

Others were not so lucky.

Alexandra Fic, co-ordinator of the general college program, and Edward Wilson, an instructor, got stuck on Merritville Road as they headed towards St. Catharines together, and became the unwelcomed guest of an elderly man living in an old boarded up farmhouse.

They and 10 other stranded people who stumbled across the house spent four hours there with only the elements of a stove for heat.

"The old man tried to persuade us to leave but he couldn't because there were 12 of us," Mr. Wilson said.

They finally decided to go because they didn't want to stay in the old house all night. They headed towards Mr. Wilson's friend's house in Fonthill where they stayed overnight.

In the morning Mrs. Fic's husband got through from St. Catharines and picked them up and took them home.

"We really were taken by surprise, I think everybody was, that the snow could come so fast, so hard, and so cold," Mr. Wilson said.

Mrs. Fic remembers that she had a cold and felt very sick at the time. "It was very scary and very cold. Now that I look back it was even fun." But she said, "I wouldn't want to experience it again. It was just plain awful. That's the kind of situation where one could get killed or die.'

Teachers Brian Green and Paul Davoud, with two other people, manned CHOW, a radio station in Welland, for three days. All regular programming was suspended and only emergency requests for information and assistance were broadcast.

"I don't know what we would have done without snowmobilers," Mr. Green said. "They really supplied a lot of people with bread and milk and things they had to have and they supplied us as well for those three days."

Mr Davoud said, "You go on the air for 12 hours, and sleep on the floor, and go for another 12 hours."

"There were a lot of good things happening but it was definitely the most strenous, nerve racking thing I've ever gone through."

Traffic was at a standstill during the blizzard.

Snowbanks dwarfed vehicles during the three-day blow.

Where's the door?
Houses were buried up to the eaves in snow.

Photos by Gordon Lawson.

Snowmobilers did yeoman service during the Blizzard of '77.

# *Revised pub survey to gauge support*

A survey of students on the quality of the on-campus pubs at Niagara College has been revised and will be distributed at the beginning of February after a new social convener is elected, the Student Administration Council decided at a meeting Jan. 5.

Mike Karges, a school representative for Niagara College who had been helping with the organization of the pubs, is concerned with the student attendance at pubs held on campus.

The attendance is down and "we want to know why because these pubs are for the students and they should like them," Mike said."The students are the ones paying for their entertainment."

Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said, "It's important to have on-campus pubs because it boosts school spirit. Other colleges do not have this problem because that have residences. Also, transportation is a problem because people have to come from all over.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said attendance seems to be all right at off-campus pubs, usually held at the Aqua Duck, but SAC would still like the opinion of the students.

The survey has 11 questions geared to help SAC determine the reasons for declining attendance at on-campus pubs.

The original survey was drafted by last year's council who experienced the same problems, Mrs. Flutur said.

# *Best on-campus pub, RTV takes lip sync*

About 200 people attended the Jan. 15 pub, making it the best on-campus pub of the year.

"It was a big success and a lot of fun," Kathleen Harvey, Student Administrative Council president, said. "We'll probably do it again."

Seven bands performed in the lip sync contest which offered $97.70 for first prize, $50 for second prize and $25 for third.

The contest was judged by staff from 97.7 HTZ.FM, a St. Catharines-based radio station.

The contest was won by radio and television broadcasting students; Pat Zulinov, Gary Kleinstauber, Steve Parr, Rob Saudeli and Dave D.L. Webster who performed a hit tune by Bon Jovi. Using guitars and keyboards, they got the crowd involved. After the winners were announced, the band did an encore.

Second-place winners were Christine Trautmann, SAC vice-president, and Gerard Petsche, electronics engineering technology, performing as the Bad Boogie Band doing Al Jereaux.

Third-place winners were Marlene Hiltz and Valerie Hielema from tourism performing Meatloaf.

# Feet flying in college gym, students learning self-defence

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

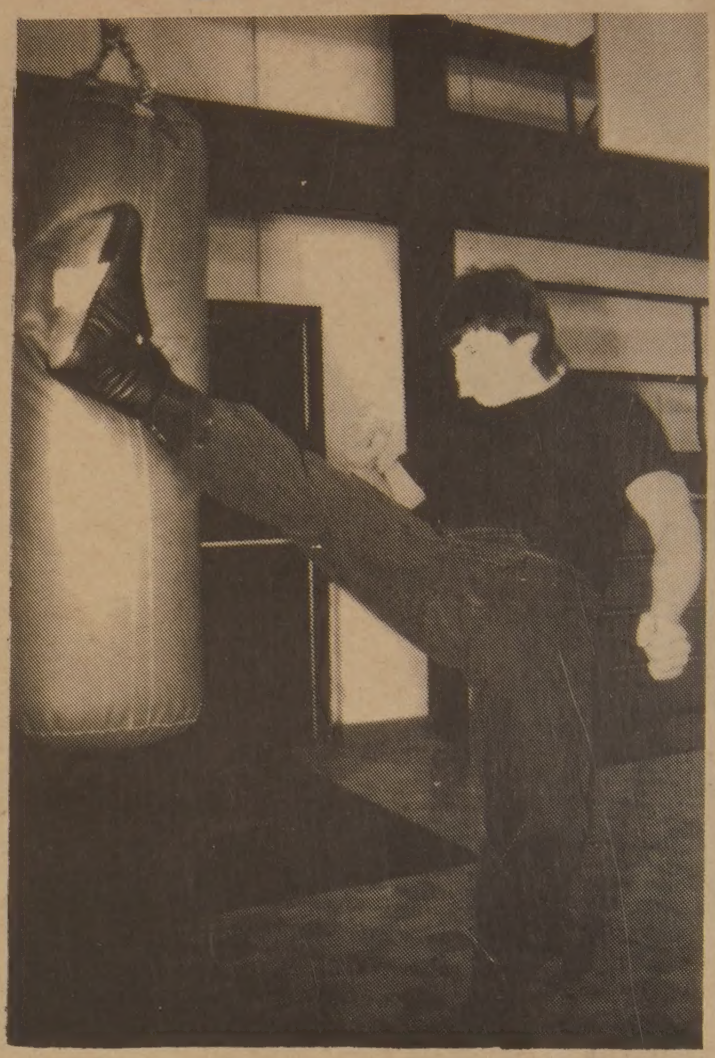
Superkicks 86 is a club for all ages. A combination of self-defence, kick boxing and karate instruction is being given at the Niagara College's gymnasium every Monday night from 8:30 to 10:30.

"It is a basic course in karate, and self-defence," Kelly Roberto, one of four women who have joined the club, said.

It is good for a woman to know some self-defence, just in case of an attack.

Instructors have the time to give personalized instruction and members learn at their own pace, she said.

Two of three instructors discussed the club. "We are not in this club to make any money," Brad Humphreys said. "I enjoy showing people how to defend themselves, and it is a good way to stay in shape."



BRAD HUMPHREYS

## Quality

Ed Queffelec said the purpose of the club is to have a place to work out and to teach self-defence.

"Anyone who has a macho attitude must check it in the locker room." It is a type of club in which the quality of learning takes priority over quantity," he said.

Mr. Queffelec, a second-year business administration student at Niagara College, has several years' experience in Wado Rye Karate. He has fought in many amateur bouts in Ontario. His fighting career was shortened by an unexpected blow to the head after which he lost consciousness for four hours.

"People who join the club do not have to spar — fight in the ring — with an opponent, but it is recommended because it is the only controlled test in a fighting situation," Mr. Queffelec said.

This type of club is good for people who feel insecure. They will learn something about fighting and self-defence; it is good exercise and gives the participant added flexibility. The main idea the club tries to portray is for each person to feel good about himself or herself.

The cost is $10 a month plus $1 a week for renting the gymnasium.

The club hopes to gain the sponsorship of a church or other type of organization so the money collected every month can be spent on updating equipment instead of paying the rent on the gymnasium, he said.

## Club's allotment available at SAC office

Niagara College clubs are urged to pick up their allotments at the Student Administrative Council office for the second term.

Each club receives $162.50 per term, Christine Trautmann, vice-president of SAC, said. "If the club hasn't done anything to increase their revenue or given me significant evidence that they have planned fundraisers then they will not get their alloments," she said.

The heavy workload of the courses is one of the main reasons many clubs have not done much in the way of fundraising. The construction club, chemistry club, computer club and photo club showed the most activity last term, she said.

# *Movies take over, SAC cancels speakers*

Student interest seems to lie more in movies rather than guest speakers, Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, said at a Student Administrative Council meeting Jan. 5.

Carri said SAC agreed not to book any more speakers after January since the response has been poor. The success of the films, usually popular movies, shown in the Hamilton Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch hours, has been encouraging though.

Except for speakers from Amnesty International and Greenpeace, attendance has been poor. Only about five or six people came for the lectures from Council on Mind Abuse, Europe on 84 cents a day, and Alcohol Awareness Week.

"It's very embarrassing for me and the speaker when no one shows up," she said, and it costs SAC a lot of money. The advertising is on most of the bulletin boards around the college and usually posted on the sign outside the Tecumseh foyer, so advertising is not the problem, Carri said.

The speakers seemed like a good idea because students at universities are usually politically active and like to get involved with radical movements to better the society and the environment, but at Niagara College the enthusiasm is not there unless the speaker represents a really popular movement, she said.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said last year's council only had one speaker during Alcohol Awareness Week.

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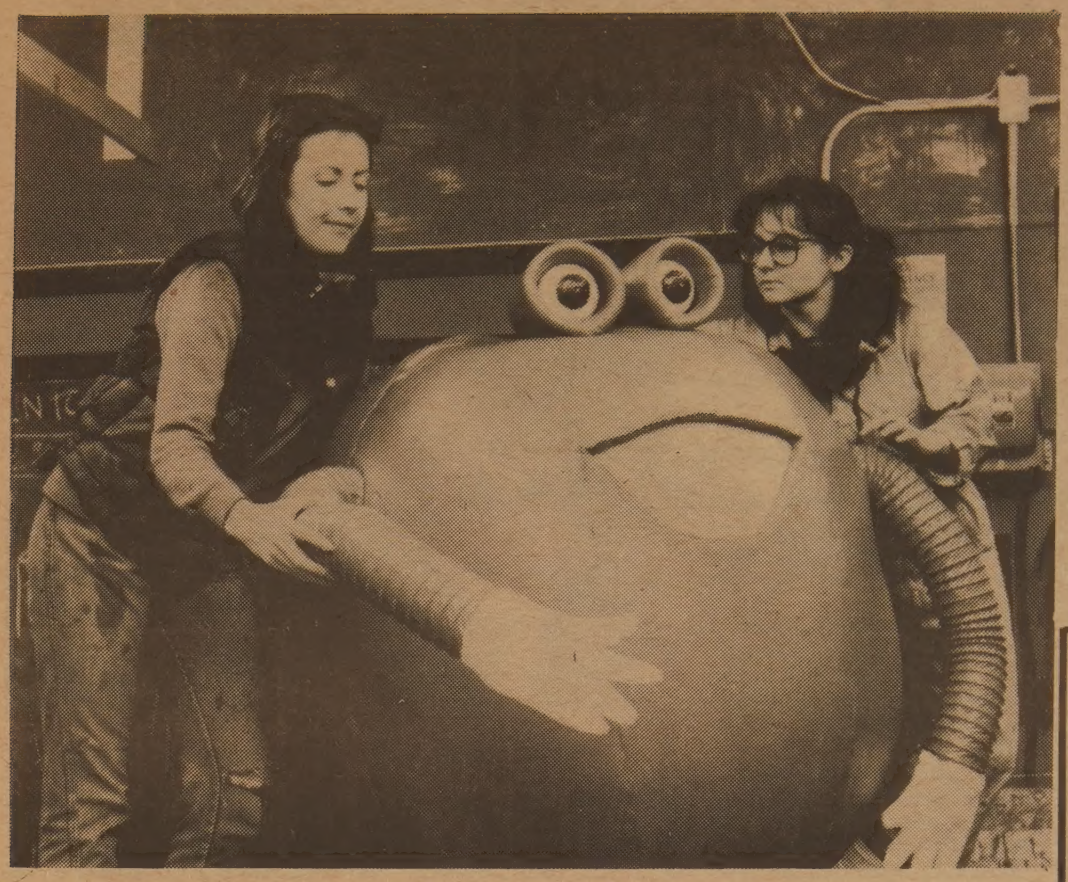


Theatre students Wendy Perrot and Heidi O'Guntke, right admire one of the giant clicket's they constructed for a marketing company. After a few finishing touches the clicket's will go on tour to promote a series of children's games.
Photo by Susan Wray

# Designing, building clicket challenge for costume dept.

Designing and building a clicket was "definitely a challenge" for the Theatre Centre's costume department.

Clickets, brilliantly colored magnetic marbles, will be incorporated into building block sets and a series of children's games.

Canquest Enterprises, a marketing and research company asked the Theatre Centre to create two giant clickets to be used to promote the games.

The clickets offered wardrobe head Shoshana Tyson and first-year students Wendy Perrot and Heidi O'Guntke a definite challenge.

"We were given a little sketch of a characterization of one," Ms. Tyson said.

The project started by developing a concept of how it could be put together. "I did a technical sketch of what it would look like if someone was wearing it," she said.

ONE ANSWER

A grapefruit, hollowed out and cut into sections, proved to be the answer to the problem of making a circular costume of foam.

A pattern was made from which pieces of foam were cut and glued together with contact cement. Eye sockets were also made with foam and painted Styrofoam balls were inserted inside them.

"The shape of it was difficult for someone to wear," Ms. Tyson said; an internal structure that puts all the weight on the shouders was made of Styrofoam to keep it light.

Gaining access to the clicket requires the wearer to crawl in from beneath. Wendy and Heidi also made matching stretchable tights in red and yellow.

The enormous circles were given four coats of latex plaint and covered with a glaze "so it doesn't look like foam," Heidi said.

The Theatre Centre was contacted by the marketing director of Canquest Enterprises, Steven Ross, a graduate of the graphic arts program formerly offered at the college.

# Lizzie comes to Theatre

In Sharon Pollock's Blood Relations, Lizzie Borden took an axe and gave her mother 40 whacks; when the job was nicely done, she gave her father 41.

The chilling psychdrama is based on the true story of one of North America's most famous unsolved crimes — The Legend of Lizzie Borden — will run at the Niagara College Theatre Centre Feb. 24 to Feb. 29.

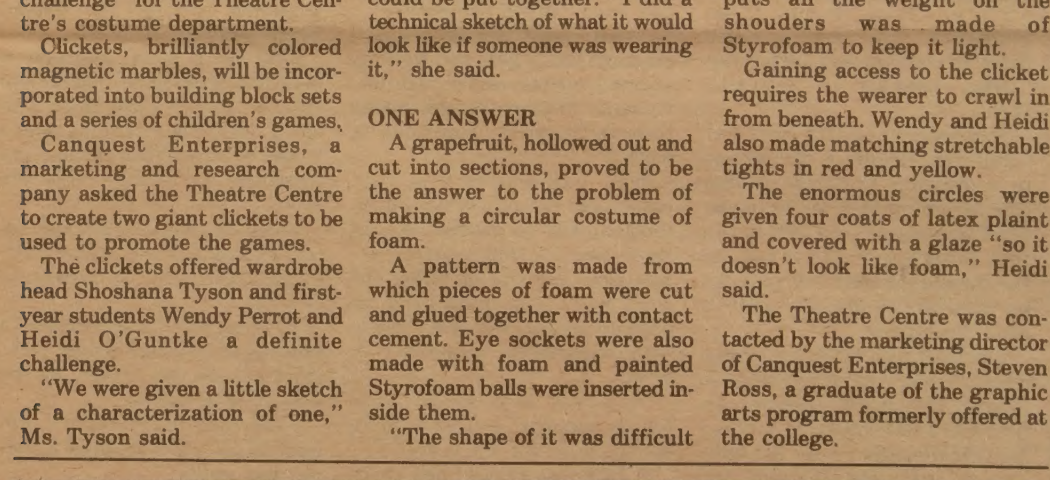
Ten years after the slayings, Lizzie will take the audience back to Aug. 4, 1892, in a flashback and the events that led to the brutal axe murders of her father and step-mother.

"It shows the role of women at the time; they had to cater to the whims of men in their lives," Jeff Dineen, head of publicity and promotion, said. "Lizzie was considered unusual because she was such a strong-willed person."

The play, directed by theatre instructor D'Arcy McHayle, shows a women's struggle for independence from her parents that eventually leads to conflict.

In 1982 Sharon Pollock won the Governor General's Award for Blood Relations — the first time for a Canadian English playwright.

After following the account of events that led to that tragic day in 1892, the audience will become the judge. Was Lizzie Borden the axe murderer?



# Technology student wins $500

Catherine Audette, chemical engineering technology student, is presented with a cheque for $500 from David Drinkwalter, director of the western region for Ontario Hydro. The award is for female students in either electrical/electronics technician, mechanical technician/technology, and chemical technician/technology programs. From left are: Elaine Spark, financial aid officer; John Parrett, registrar; Catherine; Tony Backler, chairman of chemical, computer, electrical/electronics division; and Mr. Drinkwalter. Photo by Martin Pokol

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# *Dreams by SELF balances reality*

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

A sense of deja vu. The room has never been seen consciously and the people are unfamiliar. Yet, somewhere, somehow, the room is familiar.

Perhaps the room was once seen in a dream.

According to the theories of Dr. Carl Jung dreams are part of the inner SELF. The SELF is a blueprint of life. It knows the past, present and future.

Morris Bosey, co-ordinator of counselling and health services, says the inner SELF creates dreams to help balance people's lives.

Dreams compensate for "our busy ego, striving, living so our SELF is forgotten," he said in an interview. Without the inner self, lives become imbalanced.

## *Premonition*

Sometimes dreams are a rehashing of the day's events that have caused worry or concern. But they can be a premonition of the future.

Dreams are not delivered in straight linear lines, Mr. Bosey said. They come in symbols; each person has to identify the symbolism of the dream. Once the symbols are understood, the dream can be deciphered.

People dream every 90 minutes during sleep. But drugs and alcohol can dam up the SELF and dreams do not occur. The SELF makes up for the dam another night when it is free to express itself.

The SELF needs to dream, to express itself or a person's world cannot remain in perspective.

Sometimes the SELF is violent and the dreams reflect it in nightmares. If a dark figure running with a knife is seen, it could be the SELF saying that you are viewing yourself as too virtuous. Everybody has a dark side that is kept hidden and forgotten. The SELF likes to remind the conscious mind that it can also be ugly.

The SELF is an overview of life; in dream language it expresses everything that can happen during a lifetime.

If properly interpreted, dreams can effect a powerful change in personal belief, Mr. Bosey said. They affect people more strongly than all the psychiatrists in the world ever could.

Mr. Bosey said the power of dreams is best shown in dreams of death or resurrection, among the commonest of dreams.

These are dreams for people growing spiritually or going through transition; they can mean that people should put aside part of their old selves to allow a new part to grow. Sometimes the symbolism of death is that if things aren't allowed to die, others cannot be born.

Dreams are the ultimate personal creation, for most come from deep within and the conscious mind has no control over them. Dreams are a magic carpet with infinite capability that has not even been tested yet. Man's greatest creations have come from their dreams, and there are more to come.

## SWAP talk rescheduled for February

The speaker from the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) was unable to make it to the college last Tuesday due to the weather conditions. Margot Haldenby, of SWAP is expected sometime in February. The talk will be of interest to students wishing to work in a foreign country.


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# Grad returns, urges students into world of franchise stores

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

DENISE BYRNES AND ANDRE CHAMPAGNE

Sell, sell, sell, sell and never quit. Whether it is involvement in a franchise store or a business, a retailer must have a lot of desire, drive and enthusiasm to out-sell the competition.

This attitude does not just dawn on students after graduation.

Denise Byrnes, a 1986 retail management graduate, has become manager of Perfect Portions, a franchised store in Welland.

Her boss, Andre Champagne, tried to convince retail management students to follow in her footsteps, rather than starting a business which is too costly and risky.

"Franchising has strength — strength in numbers," the owner of the holding company for Perfect Portions said. The stores "have been tested and proven" as successful because the target area, advertising and product have been picked out as successful.

In 1986, franchises registered 40 per cent of all retail sales in Canada. By 1990, Mr. Champagne predicts they will make up all retail sales.

"Franchising has become more and more popular," Ms. Byrnes said. "There is goodwill in names, for people recognize names."

PROVEN RECORD

Mr. Champagne said the idea of franchising has a "proven track record" because managers with the "least amount of intelligence" can run a store because the company owner can "train, monitor or babysit" them.

Any venture has its risks but comparing fledgling businesses to a starting franchise is like comparing apples to oranges. Mr. Champagne said that in the first three years, 83 per cent of the businesses fold but only 13 per cent of the franchises close after five years.

The first problem in obtaining a business or franchised store is money, he said. Franchises go for from $100,000 to $1 million and McDonalds costs 700,000. Young entrepeneurs who approach bank managers for loans are usually lacking in equity.

"What right do you have to open your own business?" Mr. Champagne asked, portraying a banker. It is the people aged 40 to 55 who go into these ventures for they have all the equity in their homes. Prior commitments such as children are usually gone and they acquire the time and money, he said.

Even if the starting money is there, small businesses fail, due to poor advertising.

"You can have the best project in the world, but if you don't advertise or market successfully it will fail," he said.

COMPETITION FIERCE

The competition is fierce and to stay afloat in the business world *one must outsell competitors.*

"You can't be average." Average today gets you working at one store the rest of your life, he said. "You can't just spend time in business, you have to work."

Mr. Champagne said employees should attract the attention of their bosses because there are "5,000 other competitors" capable of doing the same work. And most have an edge on graduates — they might have experience or families or both.

"It's easy to be enthusiastic for six months; you have to be enthusiastic for six years."

A business person has to be "totally devoted" for "You have to be the best at what you're doing." "Everything you do is selling. Enthusiasm generates the same type back."

This attitude explains his successful career so far.

WAS CAR SALESMAN

Mr. Champagne started as a car salesman at 19 and made enough money to buy a Dairy Queen Store. He sold it two years ago and now owns the Perfect Portions holding company and the Welland store.

His advice for those entering a business, either to buy or work, was to know something about the company. "It has to be flexible for (personal) advance or future profits."

Once in business, the key is *customer service*, Mr. Champagne said.

Customers must "perceive a pleasant experience" when they enter a store. A dirty floor, or a sales clerk talking on the phone to her boyfriend can tarnish the products' credibility and the store.

When the widgets are sold at two different stores with one 10 cents more, the difference is service.

The bottom line in business is honesty, Mr. Champagne said. One has to be honest to be honest with others.

"You have to believe in a product to tell friends about it and not feel guilty."

# *Come back too late, Knights lose*

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

After playing two impressive games in a row for wins, the Niagara Knights women's basketball team suffered a 63-50 loss to the Centennial Colts in Toronto Jan. 21.

The Knights played two different games: in the first half they looked frustrated on offence, but in the second they regained their composure and outscored Centennial.

The first half was dominated by the Colts from the opening tip-off; they had the edge in scoring, rebounding, and passing. The Colts prevented Niagara from scoring until after four minutes of play to make the score 8-2.

But Niagara rallied, trying to score on Centennial's aggressive defence by getting open inside the key; they were successful. After 12 minutes of play the Knights pulled within two, 12-10.

Centennial's defence was tough and their offence consistent in scoring; they gained back the lead, extending it to 18. The teams entered halftime with Niagara down 36-18.

IN SECOND

"We played really well in the second," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said. "We outscored them in the second, beating them 32-27."

But missed foul shots would come back to haunt the Knights as they went a mere seven for 21 at the line. Assistant coach Judy Halaiko said it could have been the difference in the game.

Standouts for the Knights included Charlotte Prevost who scored 14 points followed by Jane Hargreaves with 13 and Sue Sbrizzi had 11.

Centennial's leading scorer was Karla Rice with 23 and Hughdell Stewart had 16.

Niagara had the momentum in the second half, pressuring Centennial, grabbing rebounds and rallying back from the halftime deficit to climb within seven points with nine minutes remaining.

TOUGH DEFENCE

The defence played tough, holding the Colts to only four points for more than 10 minutes. But some sloppy passes by the Knights kept them out of reach for the lead and Centennial prevailed.

The game proved exciting though, as the Knights gave a strong performance, rallying from a substantial deficit to pressure and hold Centennial's scoring in the second half.

Mizette said the Knights were confused on offence in the first half and they became frustrated.

"They don't have the knowledge," she said; the pressure and offence will come with time.

Niagara's next game is Feb. 7 against St. Clair College at home.

# SPORTS

The Niagara College curling team won a silver medal in the ninth annual Hap Holman Invitational in Hamilton on Jan. 18; Mohawk won first-place.

Photo by Gary Bellinger

## Curling team sweeps to silver medal win

The efforts of the Niagara College curling team were rewarded with a silver medal in the mixed varsity division in the ninth annual Hap Holman Invitational in Hamilton Jan. 18.

The team skipped by Donna Murray, with Gary Bellinger, vice, Karl Brock, second, and Bob Young, lead, finished one point behind the first place finishing team from Mohawk College.

The faculty team, skipped by Don Papple, finished fourth in the faculty division; a men's team, skipped by Peter Johnson finished in seventh place while a second mixed team skipped by Joel LaPalme finished eighth in the mixed division.

Mohawk College was best of the bonspiel in which teams from Fanshawe College as well as Niagara and Mohawk were entered.

It was hoped by Bob Young, the curling coach, to have the teams set after this event to be ready for the provincial championships in Thunder Bay to be held during the first week of March.

Two teams, a men's and a mixed team, will make the trip to compete in the provincial playdowns.

## Man in Motion Tour benefits from game

Every year for the past three the Knights play an exhibition hockey game against a Welland high school all-star team with the proceeds going to a charity. This year when the players take to the ice on Jan. 31, the money will go to the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour.

"I respect him (Rick Hansen) very much as an athlete — I respect anyone who is willing to give something of themselves for others," Fred Bassi said. "This is just our little way of contributing to his fund."

Rick Hansen is working his way across Canada towards the end of his 40,073-kilometre, 34-country world tour to raise money for spinal cord research. Rick is entering what may well be the most difficult part of the trip battling the bitter prairie winds as he wheels towards Vancouver.

The game started as a way for Niagara Coach Fred Bassi to have a look at the high school players and introduce them to the college hockey program. Mr. Bassi got together with the High School League convener Pat Hayhurst to form the game. Each year a different charity benefits.

MORE THIS YEAR

Last year the Welland County Big Brothers received more than $450 from the game and this year should be bigger than ever. The college and high school players are all selling tickets. Tickets are $2 and can also be purchased at the door.

The fan support is growing every year and Mr. Bassi hopes it will lead to a sellout of the Welland Arena in the future.

Everyone is welcome Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. at the Welland Arena to see some good hockey and help a good cause.

## *Jashanmal plays well, team fails*

Despite a 30-point night for Fred Jashanmal, the men Knights lost to the Algonquin Caats 82-69 in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association basketball on Jan. 16.

The loss in Ottawa places the Knights in 10th place in an 11-team tier, ahead of only the Conestoga Condors. Niagara is 7½ games behind first place Humber College.

Forward Gord Bonisteel of Niagara was the next highest scorer with 13 points.

For Algonquin, Ken Williams scored 25 points and Danny Golding with 19.

The Knights previously defeated the Caats 55-46 in November, but the team has bolstered its lineup since then.

OCAA results can be obtained in the Toronto Star's sports section.

The team's next home game is Feb. 12 against the Mowhawk Mountaineers at 7 p.m. Their next game is Wednesday at George Brown College at 8 p.m.

## *Buffalo team defeats Knights*

Guess who showed up to the exhibition tournament in which the men Knights' basketball team were involved?

The same team who defeated them by 50 points, two days before the Jan 9 and 10 weekend tournament — the big, bad Bryant-Stratton boys from Buffalo.

This time the score was closer as they still got creamed by 89-60. Bryant Werner scored 11 in the second stanza to lead the team with a total of 18 points. Fred Jashanmal was next with 16 points.

## Confidence in ability spurs Knights' win

By DONNA MORRISON
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The Niagara Knights women's basketball team won its second in a row by pounding the Algonquin Caats 77-35 in Ottawa Jan. 16.

The Knights came together as a team after a slow start in the first few minutes of play that resulted in poor passes and careless turnovers. But after an Algonquin timeout, the Knights came out on the floor with energy and a new attitude: their passing became accurate and sharp, rebounding improved, and they demonstrated shooting ability.

Both teams stayed close for the first 10 minutes; Niagara only led by five, 17-12. But Niagara began to capitalize on Algonquin turnovers with the defence applying tough pressure to the Caats for the remainder of the game. The team showed confidence in its ability to win a game.

The Knights limited Algonquin's scoring drives, holding them to a mere 18 points entering halftime; the score was 44-18.

Charlotte Prevost was a standout offensively for the Knights, leading the team with 27 points. Donna Stonos, Laura Monaghan and Kim Girotti had 13, 12, and 11, respectively. Coach Mizette Critelli said rookie Chris Andrews had a good game offensively and defensively.

Carol Pollard had 15 points for Algonquin followed by Lisa Belanger with 14.

PLEASED

"I was very pleased with the Knights' play," Mizette said. "They know where they should be now and are passing the ball thoroughly."

Tough pressure, good hustling, and consistent shooting highlighted the second half for the Knights; the team was able to maintain the lead throughout the second, dominating the boards and grabbing rebounds.

As in the last game, Mizette had two objectives: one, to keep the Caats under 50 points, and two, to run a fast-break offence; they were successful on both.

An exhibition game Jan. 17 was mostly in preparation for the next game against Centennial Jan. 21 in Toronto. Though the Knights lost by a considerable amount, Mizette said she was pleased with their play.

The Knights played Algonquin last year, winning 72-59 in a strong defensive game.

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